

**Assembly Bill No. 2990**

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Passed the Assembly August 31, 2006

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*Chief Clerk of the Assembly*

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*Secretary of the Senate*

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This bill was received by the Governor this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_M.

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*Private Secretary of the Governor*

## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

An act to add Chapter 9.5 (commencing with Section 9625) to Division 8.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to adult day health care.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2990, Levine. Senior centers: emergency operations plans.

Existing law establishes the Multipurpose Senior Services Program, administered through the California Department of Aging, to provide specified services to frail elderly individuals 65 years of age and older who are certifiable for placement in a nursing facility. Under existing law, the department contracts with nonprofit organizations and local public entities for the establishment of Multipurpose Senior Services Program sites.

Existing law also provides for the Senior Center Bond Act Fund, which is administered through the department and provides funds to public or private nonprofit agencies for, among other things, the purpose of expanding senior center programs, and purchasing and acquiring equipment.

This bill would require each multipurpose senior center, and each senior center, to develop an emergency evacuation plan that meets specified criteria, no later than June 30, 2007.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature that the emergency operation plans of senior centers and multipurpose senior centers be commensurate with the scope of services provided, the number of staff, and the hours of operation.

SEC. 2. Chapter 9.5 (commencing with Section 9625) is added to Division 8.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, to read:

CHAPTER 9.5. MULTIPURPOSE SENIOR CENTERS AND SENIOR  
CENTERS EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLANS

9625. (a) No later than June 30, 2007, each multipurpose senior center and each senior center, as defined in subdivisions (j) and (n) of Section 9591, shall develop and maintain a written emergency operations plan. This emergency operations plan shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:

(1) Facility preparation procedures to identify the location of first aid supplies, secure all furniture, appliances, and other free-standing objects, and provide instructions for operating gas and water shutoff valves.

(2) An inventory of neighborhood resources that shall include, but not be limited to, the identification and location of all the following nearby resources:

(A) Generators.

(B) Telephones.

(C) Hospitals and public health clinics.

(D) Fire stations and police stations.

(3) Evacuation procedures, including procedures to accommodate those who will need assistance in evacuating the center. This evacuation plan shall be located in an area that is accessible to the public.

(4) Procedures to accommodate seniors, people with disabilities, and other community members in need of shelter at the senior center, in the event that other community facilities are inoperable.

(5) Personnel resources necessary for postdisaster response.

(6) Procedures for conducting periodic evacuation drills, fire drills, and earthquake drills.

(7) Procedures to ensure service continuation after a disaster.

(8) Consideration of cultural and linguistic barriers in emergency and evacuation plans, and ways to appropriately address those barriers.

(b) In the development of the emergency operations plans required by this chapter, multipurpose senior centers and senior centers shall coordinate with the Office of Emergency Services, the local area agency on aging, as defined in Section 9006, and other relevant agencies and stakeholders.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2006

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*Governor*